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Iowa Avenue, Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North project area.

# **Project Schedule**

(Anticipated completion date)

- Public Meeting Fall 2008
- Concept Design Fall 2008
- Environmental Evaluation Spring 2009
- Preliminary Design Spring 2009
- Right of Way Plans Fall 2009
- Final Design Spring 2010
- Right of Way Acquisition Spring 2010
- Construction Summer 2010 or 2011







# Public Meeting McCain Middle School

# **Project Description**

The project starts at the Center Avenue intersection and proceeds north a half-mile to the intersection with 7th Avenue North. With the recent construction of McCain Middle School, pedestrian traffic along Iowa Avenue has increased.

# **Project Objectives**

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Upgrade roadway to current standards
- Accommodate future traffic demand

# Frequently Asked Questions

# Q: Why is this project needed?

A: This project is needed to ensure appropriate pedestrian/school zone safety, and to upgrade the roadway to current standards, including curb, gutter and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

# Q: Where are we in the process?

A: The project team is developing the initial concept design to address the needs of the roadway. The concept design is being presented to the public for comment. Public input, along with engineering and environmental studies, will be used to determine an appropriate solution addressing the roadway's needs.

# Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

# Q: What is a "concept design?"

A: The objective of a concept design is to answer key questions early and identify a roadway's long-range needs. This is achieved by involving affected parties, understanding public concerns and collecting key information to support decision making.

# Q: Are you considering the impacts of the project?

A: Several factors that must be considered in developing this project include the impacts the improved roadway will have on the surrounding environment and residents. The project team will work to minimize impacts. Potential impacts identified include property owners, the Payette School District, irrigation, sewer, power and water facilities, drainage issues, access points for property owners, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. Public input gathered from today's meeting will help identify additional unknown impacts.

# Q: Will right of way need to be purchased? If so, how much and what actions will take place?

A: Yes. The number of right of way purchases is unknown until the design is completed. Project officials will meet one-on-one with affected property owners to review the design and to discuss how the impacts to their property might be minimized. The project team will contact property owners to schedule individual meetings to discuss right of way acquisition.

# Q: What can I expect from today's meeting?

A: The purpose of the meeting is to collect comments regarding the concept design for

the Iowa Avenue Project, Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North. Project information is provided in an informal open house format. Project team members will answer questions and comment forms are available to fill out.

#### Q: What's the next step?

A: Public input, along with additional environmental and engineering studies, will continue throughout the design process. Final design is scheduled for the Spring 2010 and construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer 2010 or 2011.

#### **Comments**

Please leave your completed comment form. If you would like to complete it at a later date, please send it to:

Idaho Transportation Department Public Involvement Coordinator P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707 Fax: (208) 334-8563

Comment forms postmarked by **Oct. 16**, **2008** will become part of the public record for the Oct. 2, 2008 meeting.

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